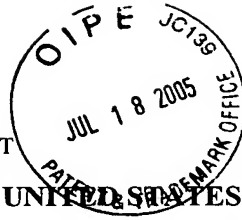


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Applicants received the attached text documents from Dr. Andrew Chin on a CD-ROM. As part of this material sent by Dr. Chinn, a text README file (attached) stating that "the CD-ROM contains an unabridged electronic version of the article on the "Preparation and Utilization of Isolated and Purified Oligonucleotides" dated March 9, 2002 and available in the Law Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

This electronic version includes sequences of 8-12 nucleotides in length and a G+C content of between 40 – 60%.

Applicants are not aware of any further relevant information.

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